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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS PO BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Prior to first examination, a Request for Continued Examination having been timely filed on June 21, 2006, in further response to the Final Office Action dated July 25, 2005, the Applicants kindly request entry and favorable consideration of the following amendments and comments, which have been corrected in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 28, 2006.